(c) whether Government foresee the landline telephones being wiped out in favour of cellular telephones in the country;

(d) if so, whether Government are contemplating of providing any relief to the fixed line subscribers by providing rent free, fault free telephones or by way of increasing free calls to subscribers, if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (SHRIMATI SUMITRA MAHAJAN): (a) to (c) Sir, with the opening up of the Telecom Services, Fixed Telephone Service as well as Cellular Mobile Telephone Service, to Private Sector, market forces decide the growth of these services. As per the Report of the Working Group on the Telecom Sector, constituted by Planning Commission, to make recommendations on various policy matters for preparation of the Tenth Five Year Plan (2002-07), the ratio of landlines (fixed telephones) to cellular telephones to be added during the Plan period will be around 60% to 40% and as such it is estimated that in the coming years the landlines as well as the cellular telephones will co-exist.

(d) Does not arise.

Telephone facilities in A.P.

3005. SHRI C. RAMACHANDRAIAH: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether all the villages of Andhra Pradesh have been provided with telephone facilities;

(b) if not, the number of villages without telephone facilities in the State, district-wise;

(c) whether any time-frame has been fixed by Government for providing telephone facilities in each and every village of the State; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (SHRIMATI SUMITRA MAHAJAN): (a) No, Sir.

(b) District-wise details of uncovered villages in the State, as reported by basic service operators, is given in the Statement (*See* below).

(c) and (d) The private telephone service provider is expected to cover all villages with telecom facilities by December 2003 except those which are to be provided by satellite media.

Statement

District-wise details of Uncovered villages in Andhra Pradesh

Sl. No.	Name of District	Number of villages without telephone facilities, District-wise in Andhra Pradesh
1	Adilabad	511
2	Anantpur	58
3	Chittoor	9
4	Cuddapah	55
5	East Godavari	349
6	Karimnagar	121
7	Khammam	219
8	Krishna	30
9	Kurnool	17
10	Mahabubnagar	59
11	Medak	63
12	Nalgonda	65
13	Nellore	40
14	Nizamabad	141
15	Prakasam	148
16	Rangareddy	2
17	Srikakulam	208
18	Visakhapatnam	1939
19	Vijianagarm	301
20	Warangal	323
21	West Godavari	24
	TOTAL :	4682

As reported by the private basic telephone service Licensee.